

## United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

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**José Antonio Fusté**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Puerto Rico 1965 BBA, 1968 LLB  
Began Service: 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Professor of Admiralty Law, University of Puerto Rico (1972-1985); Professor of Admiralty Law, University of Puerto Rico (1996-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Jimenez & Fuste (1968-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Bar Association of District of Columbia; Bar Association of Puerto Rico; Federal Bar Association; Maritime Law Association; Southeastern Admiralty Institute

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**Héctor M. Laffitte**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Inter American 1955 BA; Puerto Rico 1958 LLB;  
Georgetown 1960 LLM  
Began Service: August 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Member (R), Chambers of Member Hector M. Laffitte, Judicial Conference of the United States

**Legal Practice:** Hartzell, Fernandez & Novas (1959-1964); Private Practice (1965-1966); Nachman, Feldstein, Laffitte & Smith (1966-1969); Laffitte & Domínguez (1970-1983)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Institute of Judicial Administration

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**Carmen Consuelo Cerezo**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Puerto Rico 1963 BA, 1966 LLB  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States District Court (1967-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Puerto Rico Superior Court (1972-1976); Judge, Puerto Rico Court of Intermediate Appeals (1976-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Benny Frankie Cerezo, Esq. (1966-1967)

**Current Memberships:** Puerto Rico Bar Association

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**Juan M. Pérez-Giménez**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Puerto Rico 1963 BA; George Washington 1965 MBA;  
Puerto Rico 1968 LLB  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Department of Justice (1971-1975); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1975-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Goldman, Antonetti & Davila (1968-1971)

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**Salvador E. Casellas**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1935  
Education: Georgetown 1957 BS;  
Puerto Rico 1960 LLB; Harvard 1961 LLM  
Began Service: November 1, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Secretary of the Treasury, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (1973-1976); Civilian Aide, Secretary of the Army (1985-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1962-1972); Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1977-1994)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1961-1962); United States Army Reserve (1963-1967)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Puerto Rican Academy of Jurisprudence; Puerto Rico Bar Association

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**Daniel R. Domínguez**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Boston U 1967 BA; Puerto Rico 1970 LLB  
Began Service: November 1, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Legal Practice:** Associate Counsel, Hector M. Laffitte Law Offices (1970-1973); Partner, Laffitte & Domínguez Law Offices (1973-1980); Partner, Laffitte, Domínguez & Totti Law Offices (1980-1983); Partner, Domínguez & Totti Law Offices (1983-1994)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Bar Association of Puerto Rico; Federal Bar Association of Puerto Rico; Association of Labor Relations Practitioners

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**Jay A. García-Gregory**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Assumption Col 1966 AB; Puerto Rico 1972 LLB  
Began Service: August 1, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Lecturer(part-time), University of Puerto Rico (1975-1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Hiram R. Cancio, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1973-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1974-2000)

**Military Service:** United States Navy Reserve (1962-1964)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; District of Columbia Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Federal Circuit Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; Puerto Rico Bar Association

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**Jaime Pieras, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924  
Education: Catholic U 1945 BA; Georgetown 1948 JD  
Began Service: 1982  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Attorney, Tourism Bureau of Puerto Rico

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1949-1982)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1946-1947); Military Intelligence, United States Army Reserve (1949)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges' Association; Institute of Judicial Administration; American Bar Association, National Conference of Federal Trial Judges; Puerto Rico Bar

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